

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass Saturday: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM, 6:00 PM
Weekdays: Tue. 8:30 a.m., Thurs. 5:30 p.m.
Holy Days: Check inside the bulletin.

Communion Services

Check inside the bulletin.

Little Flower Church Mission Statement

Little Flower Church (St. Therese of the Infant Jesus) is a vibrant faith community in the Roman Catholic Tradition, striving to live out the Gospel values of Jesus Christ. Centered in the Eucharist, we are called by God to look beyond ourselves to respond compassionately to the needs of others.

The Theresean

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
PARISH CENTER: 317-357-8352

SCHOOL: 317-353-2282

The school offers Pre-school 3's and 4's through Grade 8.
Extended Care is available until 6:00 PM.
Contact the school for more information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to schedule your child's baptism. Requests for the date and time specified will be honored to the extent possible. Parents who have not yet received pre-baptismal instruction are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class that is held 5 times per year. Call the parish office well in advance so that class arrangements may be made.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the priest 9 to 12 months in advance. A Wedding Handbook is available from the Parish Office which provides the necessary information on arranging for a marriage.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING/MINISTRY TO THE SICK

In an emergency, contact the parish at any time. Please contact the Parish Center if you or a loved one are hospitalized, or are confined to home or a nursing facility, to receive the Eucharist and/or Anointing. Hospitals and healthcare facilities no longer routinely inform churches when a parishioner is admitted.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Priesthood or Vocation as a Religious Sister or Brother. Those considering entering the Priesthood or a religious vocation, please contact our Pastor or the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 317-236-1490.

LITTLE FLOWER COUNSELING CENTER

Counseling services are available to Little Flower parishioners at a reduced rate. Please call Maureen Sweeney at (317) 617-2522.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

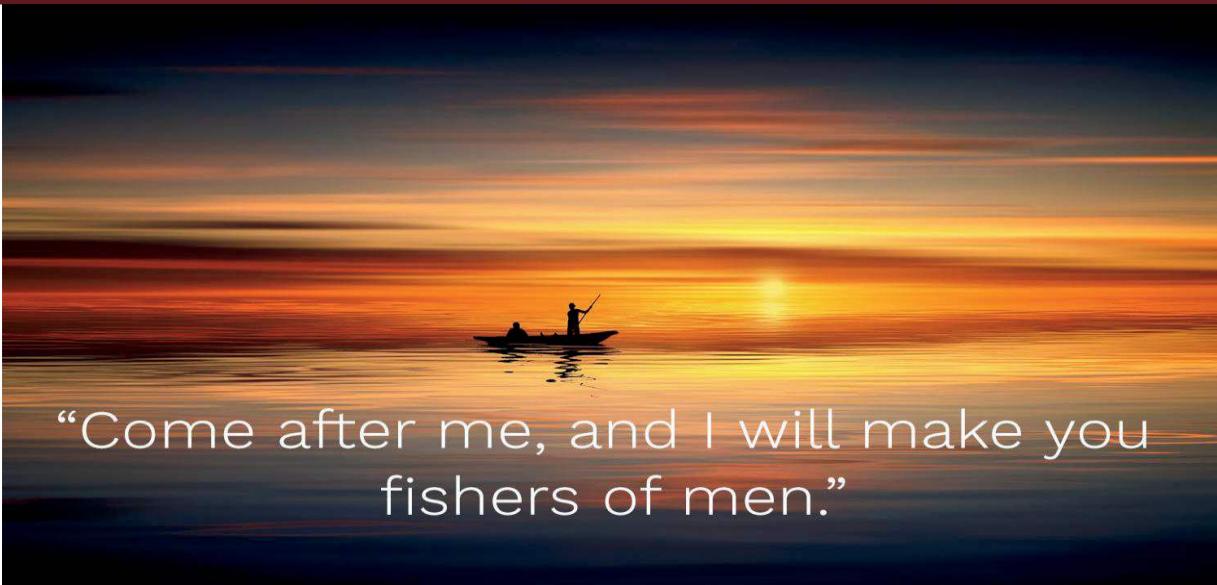
Inquiry Classes begin in September as part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all those visiting with us today. If you are interested in knowing more about our parish or wish to register for membership, please call the Parish Office. Registration forms are also available at each of the church doors.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Articles for the bulletin must be submitted in writing to the Parish center or by email to lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org by noon on Monday.



For the Week January 26 – February 1, 2026

27	January	Tuesday	
	8:30 a.m.	Harry & Rosemary Maginn by the Maginn Family	
29	January	Thursday	
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Christine Louise by Friends	
31	January	Saturday	
	5:30 p.m.	For the People	
01	February	Sunday	
	9:00 a.m.	Mary B. Moriarty Adams by Brian Moriarty	
	6:00 p.m.	Mary Lemeieux by the Ladies Club	



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is **Monday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center**. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the

parish center at 317-357-8352 to let us know if you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until April.

PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING LITTLE FLOWER PARISH AND SCHOOL IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

January 25 – February 1, 2026

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Little Flower School Open House
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Men's Club Faith, Family & Fatherhood
	School (room B07)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy Meeting
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Festival Meeting
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:00 p.m.	Reverse Raffle/Bingo Set-Up
Saturday	Duffey Hall (school café) and Church	10:00 a.m.	2 nd Grade First Reconciliation Retreat
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:00 p.m.	Reverse Raffle/Bingo
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	10:00 a.m.	OCIA for Children
	School	10:00 a.m.	Religious Ed

Sick & Shut-in



Please keep our ill and homebound parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers, especially the following people who have requested prayers for various reasons:

Bill Ajamie, Charlotte Allstatt, Tricia Allstatt, Fr. Mike Barton, Marylyn Blackwell, Chip Brandt, Esther Capps, Joe Clegg, Mark Clevenger, Dennis Debruhl, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Carol Freeland, Olivia Garrison, Tom Gedig, Haydee Gloria, Margie Greene, Anna Marie Gutierrez, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Margaret Hughel, Lois Irwin, Carrie Jones, John Jones, Bob Lawless, Karen Lientz, Thomas Long, Maximus Lopez, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Carol Murphy, Mary Alice Pogue, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, Eileen Walters, Gary Walters, Janet Wilkerson, Sister Lucia Christi Zetzl.

If you get a chance, please send them a card or a note. It will brighten their day. This week we especially want to remember:

Sandi Adkins
Brickyard Healthcare-Brookview
7145 E 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219

Pray for our active military family/friends:

Brian Ledgerwood, serving on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, son of Diane Anderson

Victor Franco, serving at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, MT.

Matthew Hughey, serving in Tokyo, Japan – nephew of Rita Cooning.

Aden S. Haigerty, United States Navy, serving at Naval base Kitsap in Bangor, Washington – nephew of Mike Haigerty.

Javier Estrada – United States Navy, serving in AAMDS Poland. son of Liliana Estrada, grandson of Martin and Shannon Estrada.

Jared Cox - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, grandson of Ed and Cindy Wernsing.

Juan Santiago - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, son of Velma Cecilio and brother of Edgar Santiago.

Ian Carter, serving in the United States Navy in Oak Harbor, WA, great nephew of Pauline and Charlie Graf.

Lexi Robertson, Navel Submarine Base Kings Bay, GA., granddaughter of Barb Bruce

Riley Allstatt, serving at the San Diego Marine Basic Camp, son of Mark and Christa Allstatt and grandson of Dave and Charlotte Allstatt.

Alex Oskins, 3rd Class Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, son of Jill Oskins.

If you or someone in your family is ill or serving our country and would like their name listed in the bulletin so others can pray for them, please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org.

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

Faith, Family, & Fatherhood

Join the Little Flower Men's Club for a gathering all about strengthening Faith, celebrating Family, and embracing the journey of Fatherhood. **Monday January 26 from 7-8:30 p.m.** will be a laid-back evening where you can connect and share stories with others on the same path. The LFMC will provide pizza and drinks. Deacon Gary will join us in discussion. ALL men 18+ with ANY connection to Little Flower are welcome to attend this Free event. Enter LF cafeteria door 6. Please RSVP via link,QR code, or LFMC email to help determine dinner order.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faith-family-fatherhood-tickets-1979741860197>
mensclub@littleflowerparish.org



Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,350.00
Collection of January 17 and 18	\$ 4,620.27
Electronic Contribution 1/12-1/16	\$ 6,687.59
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$ 391,095.41
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$ 387,150.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD	\$ 3,945.41

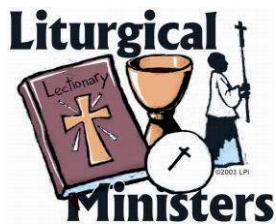
Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$ 2,133.00
December Contributions	\$ 4,034.00
January Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,945.00

Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 26. Statements for Christ our Hope United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese. Statements for school annual fund will be separate from the statements for the regular parish donations.



We need people who can assist with taking blood pressures on the 2nd full weekend of every month after each Mass. If we do not get more people to assist, we may need to discontinue this ministry that has been in existence since 2008. Please contact Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or at 317-357-8352 x 106 if you are available to help. We especially need someone for the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday evening. Thank you!



(emails listed below).

- **Lectors:** please email Tom at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** please email Ron at duvkote@aol.com.
- **Servers:** please email Lisa at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

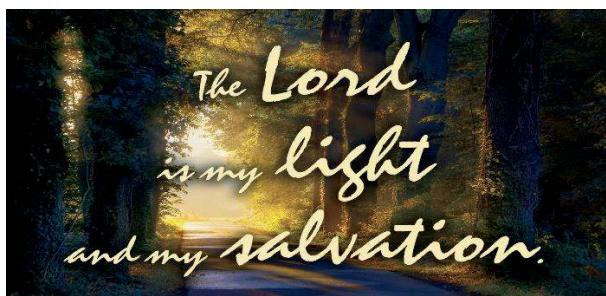
Please look ahead at your calendar, as it is much easier to let us know now when you are unavailable than it is for you to try to find a substitute. **However, due to an ongoing shortage of ministers, please just give us the dates that you are unable to serve. Several people are asking not to be scheduled for a month or more instead of just providing the weeks they are unable to be here.** If there are no dates that you anticipate being away, there is no need to respond. If, however, you have dates to request that you not be scheduled, **please respond to the appropriate ministry coordinator no later than end of day on Monday, January 26.**



Scicina Memorial High School seeks a dynamic Director of Marketing Communications to lead and implement a comprehensive marketing and communications strategy. This position plays a critical role in advancing the school's mission by marketing the school for enrollment, image, and financial support.

The Director will manage the school's website, oversee social media presence, produce key publications, and ensure consistent branding across all platforms. This individual will collaborate closely with leadership and serve on the Enrollment Management and Marketing Communications Committee.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Magy Garcia, Assistant to the President, Scicina Memorial High School, at mgarcia@sccrina.org



We will soon be running the schedule for February, March, and April. Could you please send a list of any dates that you would be unable to serve to the coordinators of each ministry

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2024 - May 2025	505
June 2025 - October 2025	499
November 2025	528
December 2025	482

December Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	95
9:00 a.m.	232
6:00 p.m.	155

January 2026 (thru 1/18/26) 527

January Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	107
9:00 a.m.	255
6:00 p.m.	165

Christmas 2025 attendance

December 24	5:30 PM	368
December 24	10:00 PM	480
December 25	9:00 AM	120
Total		968



SUMMERFEST 2026

May 29 – 31

Kick off meeting for the leadership team is Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.



The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden" will be distributed in mid-February. Any news or photos you want to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, and activities should be sent via email to lfparishnews@yahoo.com by **Tuesday, January 27.** You may also bring items to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.



**Knights of Columbus
Fatima Event Center Located at
1040 North Post Road**

Knights of Columbus Fatima Council No. 3228 will be serving an All You-Can-Eat Breakfast on

Sunday, February 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12, and children under 5 are free.

Calling All Men: "Into the Breach" Lenten Study

Deepen your faith this Lent with *Into the Breach*, a 6-episode video series designed to help Catholic men grow in virtue. Join men from across the East Deanery for prayer, fellowship, and discussion over a 6 week timeframe.

Starts: Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Fatima Event Center
(1040 N. Post Rd.)

Schedule: 6:00 AM Coffee/Social | 6:30–7:30 AM Program

Donation: \$10 (one-time) for refreshments and printing.

To Sign Up: Text or call Bil McLaughlin at 317-748-2800 with your name and email.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Holy Spirit Men's Ministry.



Men's Club January Social Activity

WHAT: Bowling

WHERE: All-Star Bowl, 726 N. Shortridge Rd, Indianapolis, In 46219

WHEN: Tuesday, January 27, 7 p.m.

DEAL: 90 minutes of bowling, plus Pizza and a small soda for just \$20!

We already have 2 lanes secured, additional lanes can be added, so please let Rick Fischer know @ 317-502-2982 or fischer6266@gmail.com for RSVP.

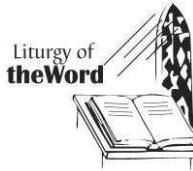
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THROUGH**



**community
rewards**

Kroger Community Rewards
Our fourth-quarter earnings from The Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser are **\$584.21**, with 233 households participating between **10/1/2025 to 12/21/2025**. You could help Little Flower School earn up to **\$50,000** every three months! How?

By shopping at Kroger and using your registered Kroger Plus Card. To register your Kroger Plus Card, go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards. You will first sign in to your Kroger account or register for a new account. After you log into your account, **please enter our organization number CP031**. The more you spend at Kroger, the larger the check Little Flower will receive. Note: It will be necessary for you to re-register for this program every year. Thanks in advance!



READINGS FOR JANUARY 31 and FEBRUARY 1
THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

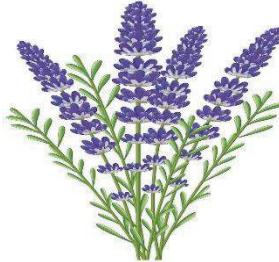
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

I Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12a

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020126.cfm>



Better sleep. More relaxation. Less stress. Soothed skin. Who couldn't use more of all those things? Come to your **Ladies Club meeting on Thursday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria**, to experience lavender with The Lavender Lady, the owner of SugarCreek Lavender Farm. Traci Lavender (yes, that's her real last name) will speak to us about the uses and history of lavender, then guide us through making our own body sugar scrub to take home. There will be other Lavender Farm products to sample and purchase. Mmmm, can you smell and feel it now? JOIN US! The Ladies Club will be purchasing the materials for the make and take sugar scrubs, so we need an idea of attendance. **Please RSVP to Jeannie Zimmerman, 317-357-8352 or izimmerman@littleflowerparish.org**. If you forget to RSVP, come anyway! We'll have extra supplies available.

Saint Meinrad Graduate Theology Program Open House

Study is a work of prayer. Visit **Saint Meinrad** for the **Graduate Theology Program Open House**, Feb 14–15. Tour campus, attend class, pray at liturgy, and meet professors and students. Learn more about our flexible and affordable offerings and register at saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse. All are welcome.



(If you scan the QR code with your smartphone camera, it will take you to www.saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse.)

Little Flower School

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invites you to our annual



REVERSE RAFFLE >>> & BINGO

RAFFLE
GRAND PRIZE
\$1000

- Dinner provided by Steer-In
- food, beer, soft drinks & snacks provided with ticket
- Multiple Bingo Rounds
- Additional Games & Pull tabs
- Raffle Baskets



JANUARY 31ST 6:00PM

MUST BE 21+ TO ATTEND

\$60 for a combo ticket

\$40 for individual ticket

(Reverse raffle or Bingo)

***all tickets include dinner and drinks.**

BINGO
CASH
PRIZES

**BUY A TABLE
FOR \$500**

**includes an extra
raffle ticket**

**Tickets will be on sale in the school
& parish offices throughout January.
Also available after Mass the weekends
of 12/27-28, 1/10-11, & 1/24-25**

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St. Therese

Little Flower Catholic School

OPEN HOUSE

*Celebrating 100 years of
excellence!*

**Sunday,
January 25, 2026**

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1401 N. Bosart Ave., Indpls, IN
46201

- ✓ Tour the school
- ✓ Meet teachers and staff
- ✓ Learn about our House System
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Learn about extracurricular activities
- ✓ Register for 26/27 School Year
- ✓ State Vouchers Available for Everyone



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317-353-2282



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